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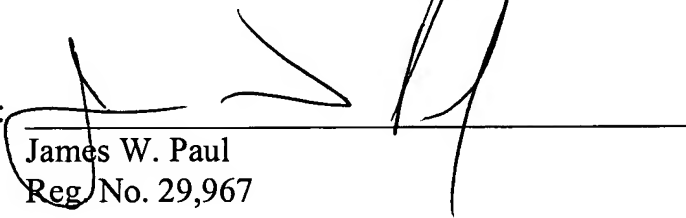
By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 and 9 have been amended, and Claims 3-8 have been cancelled. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 7 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The subject matter of Claims 6 and 7 has been incorporated in Claim 1, and Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of Claim 1 and Claim 8.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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